

Study findings on services and assistance provided to returnees in 13 Municipalities in Albania

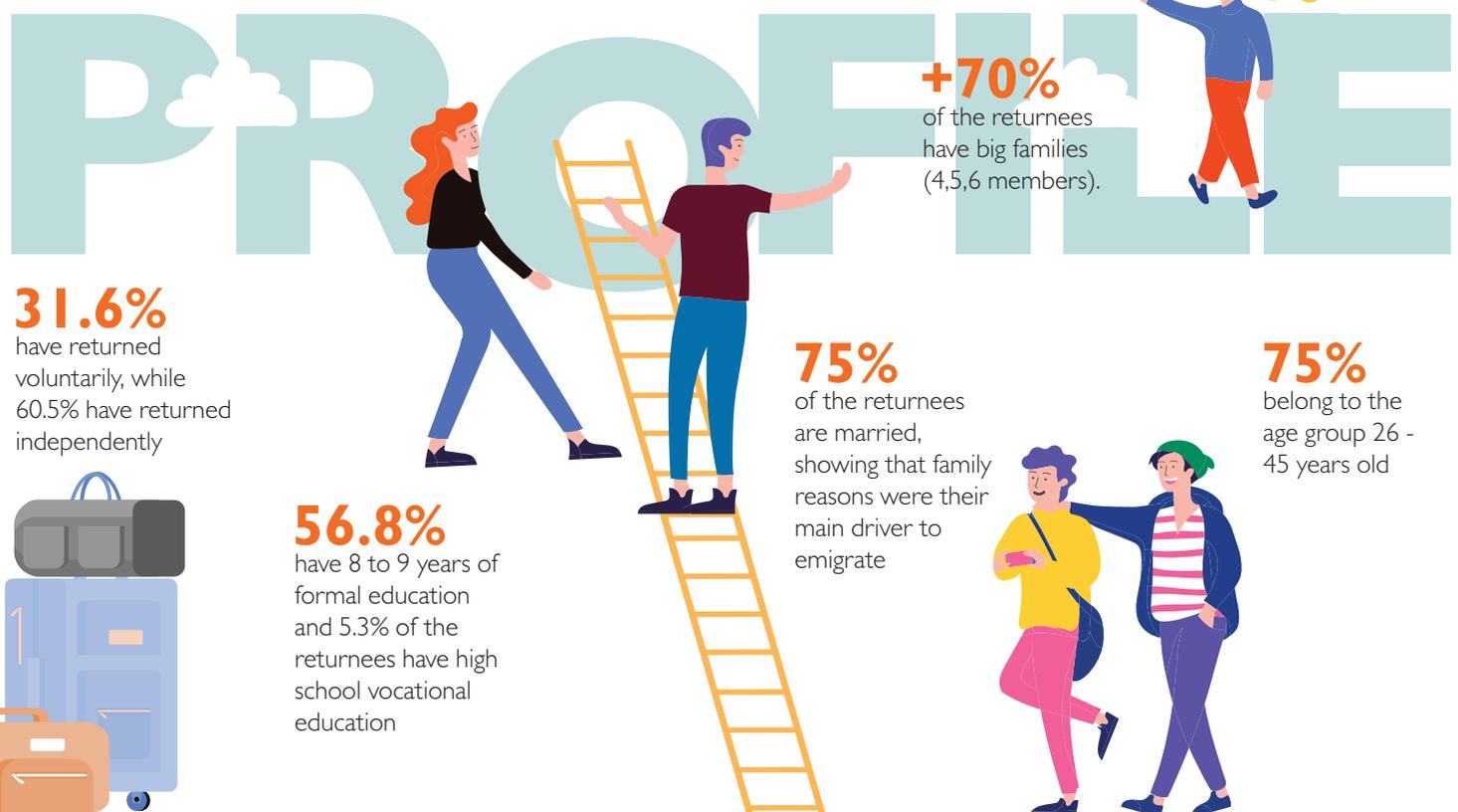
Reintegration of returnees and investments for them in Albania

World Vision Albania (WVA) and its partners: **National Association Education for Life (SHKEJ)** and the Foundation “**Spirit of Love**”- **Diakonia Agapes** over the last year have been implementing the “Returnees reintegrate and reinvest within country”- RE-IN-VEST – Programme in Albania funded by the German Government and implemented by GIZ Albania. Within this project, World Vision cooperated with the Albanian Center for Economic Research (ACER) to conduct a study on the “Services and assistance provided to returnees at the local level in 13 municipalities in Albania”. This study provides an independent, evidence-based perspective of the services, assistance and challenges faced by Albanian returnees.

1, 434 individuals returned in 13 Municipalities in Albania have been included in the RE-IN-VEST project. 107 were women and 83 men participated in this study. Among them, 120 returnees live in urban areas while 70 live in rural areas.



Returnee profile



Assistance



49% of the returnees have asked for help in Employment Offices and 8.2% at Emigration Help desks

The three main services provided by the RE-IN-VEST project to returnees:



Returnee Employment

59% of the returnees work informally, while 68.9% are unemployed

41% of the employed returnees are formally employed

36% of the returnees say average household income varies between 10.100-25.000 ALL/ month



Main needs of returnees in Albania



98.8% of the returnees need support to secure shelter for their family upon return in the country of origin

97.8% of the returnees need support with the employment process through regional employment office

96.8% of the returnees need to be provided with information on public services they are entitled to

Main reasons to emigrate again



57.9% of the returnees in the country do not exclude the possibility of emigrating again

